

## National Education Association

In response to the Secretary's Summit on Mathematics, we had asked to work on the Improving Teacher Knowledge Working Group. The National Education Association (NEA) has a long-history of supporting classroom teachers in their pursuit of high academic achievement for all students. Since 1857 promoting teacher quality has been at the heart of our mission. With its headquarters in Washington, D.C., NEA has 2.7 million members who work at every level of education, from pre-school to university graduate programs. Each of our State affiliates provides content professional development experiences for teachers in their states. We recognize that a teacher with a deep understanding of their subject matter is necessary for the continued academic achievement of students. Specifically, NEA:

- Is one of approximately 25 organizations with representatives serving on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). NEA invests significantly as a promoter and supporter of the NBPTS. NEA President Reg Weaver serves on the board.
- Maintains an active partnership with the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development to jointly promote staff development programs for experienced teachers that assure their skill and knowledge across all curriculum areas, and along with the NEA foundation.

The National Foundation for the Improvement of Education (NFIE), NEA's Foundation, supports a variety of efforts by teachers, education support professionals, and higher education faculty and staff to improve student learning in the nation's public schools, colleges, and universities.

We support the stated goals of the Secretary's mathematics initiative and look forward to working with the Department on this important issue.